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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIO (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SOVIET PNG ACTION AGAINST POLITICAL COUNSELOR
OF EMBASSY MOSCOW

VORONTSOV INFORMED ME TODAY THAT HE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED BY
MOSCOW TO SAY THAT THE SOVIET DECISION NOT TO RENEW THE
VISA OF POLITICAL COUNSELOR BREMENT HAS BEEN REAFFIRMED.
YOU WILL RECALL THAT I HAD ASKED VORONTSOV LAST WEEK TO
URGE MOSCOW TO RECONSIDER THIS ACTION, WHICH HAD BEEN
PURELY RETALIATORY AND WITHOUT BASIS IN ANYTHING BREMENT
HAD DONE. VORONTSOV ALSO AGAIN ASKED WHETHER I COULD GIVE
HIM FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE ACTIONS OF SOVIET UN DELEGA-
TION COUNSELOR STEPANOV WHICH LED TO OUR PNG ACTION AGAINST
HIM. I TOLD VORONTSOV THAT I WAS STILL LOOKING INTO THIS
REQUEST. FYI. WE ARE STILL REVIEWING THIS MATTER WITH
AGENCIES CONCERNED TO DETERMINE WHAT IF ANYTHING FURTHER
CAN BE CONVEYED TO VORONTSOV. REVIEW IS TIME-CONSUMING.
END FYI. ROBINSON

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